

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RICE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of rice in the country during the last year;
- (b) whether rice production in India is very less as compared to China and Vietnam;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the rice production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The total production of rice in the country during 2009-10 is estimated at 89.13 million tones (4th advance estimates).

(b) & (c): As per the latest reports of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), India is the 2nd largest producer of rice in the world after China. The production of rice is higher in China mainly due to wider use of hybrid rice, which covers more than 50% of the rice area whereas the area coverage under hybrid rice in India is still negligible. Although the rice productivity in Vietnam is also higher than India, its total production is significantly lower due to considerably less area coverage than in India.

(d): In order to increase the production of rice in the country, Government of India is implementing various programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc. The Minimum Support Price for paddy is also announced by the Government to ensure remunerative process to farmers.